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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE ADOPTED AT THE MARCH 16, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING AND RELEASED LATER THAT DAY

NEWS RELEASES

FCC PROPOSES TO EXPAND AUDIO DESCRIPTION REGULATIONS TO ALL REMAINING MARKETS. The Federal Communications Commission today proposed to expand audio description regulations to all remaining market areas where the requirement does not already apply. . News Release. Adopted: 2023-03-16. OMR. [DOC-391808A1.docx](#) [DOC-391808A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391808A1.txt](#)

FCC SEEKS COMMENT ON ITS EXPANDED AUTHORITY TO ENSURE JUST AND REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE'S COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. The FCC has approved an item seeking comment on the Commission's expanded authority over incarcerated people's communications services, as set forth in the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022.. News Release. Adopted: 2023-03-16. OMR. [DOC-391796A1.docx](#) [DOC-391796A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391796A1.txt](#)

FCC PROPOSES FRAMEWORK TO FACILITATE SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE FROM SPACE. The FCC proposes a new regulatory framework to facilitate innovative collaborations between satellite operators and wireless companies.. News Release. Adopted: 2023-03-16. OMR. [DOC-391794A1.docx](#) [DOC-391794A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391794A1.txt](#)

FCC ADOPTS ITS FIRST RULES FOCUSED ON SCAM TEXTING. The Federal Communications Commission today adopted its first regulations specifically targeting the increasing problem of scam text messages sent to consumers.. News Release. Adopted: 2023-03-16. News Media Contact: Will Wiquist. OMR. [DOC-391800A1.docx](#) [DOC-391800A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391800A1.txt](#)

FCC CLOSSES GAP IN CALLER ID AUTHENTICATION REGIME TO COMBAT ILLEGAL SPOOFED ROBOCALLS. The FCC today adopted its latest rules to combat illegal robocalls, including by enhancing and expanding provider obligations to implement the STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication framework. . News Release. Adopted: 2023-03-16. OMR. [DOC-391798A1.docx](#) [DOC-391798A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391798A1.txt](#)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE DATED AND RELEASED TODAY:

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: 2023-03-16. BROADCAST ACTIONS. MB. [DOC-391672A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391672A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. PLEADINGS. MB. [DOC-391781A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391781A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. MB. [DOC-391673A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391673A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AND OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR ANNOUNCE WIND DOWN OF COVID-19 TELEHEALTH PROGRAM. (DA No. 23-227). (Dkt No 20-89). WCB and OMB offer guidance to participants in the COVID-19 Telehealth Program on the expected expiration of the National Emergency and Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023.. WCB. [DA-23-227A1.docx](#) [DA-23-227A1.pdf](#) [DA-23-227A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. APPLICATIONS. MB. [DOC-391779A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391779A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILING IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSURE PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED ON 03-15-2023. OMD. Contact: Lillian Lowery at (202) 418-1008.. [DOC-391786A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391786A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. ACTIONS. MB. [DOC-391780A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391780A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS 900 MHZ BROADBAND SEGMENT APPLICATIONS. (DA No. 23-222). (Dkt No 17-200). WTB. [DA-23-222A1.docx](#) [DA-23-222A1.pdf](#) [DA-23-222A1.txt](#)

Report No: TEL-02259. Released: 2023-03-16. INTERNATIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED. (DA No. 23-226). IB. [DA-23-226A1.pdf](#) [DA-23-226A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. NON STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING. IB. [DOC-391777A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391777A1.txt](#)

Released: 2023-03-16. COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL TO HOST MARCH 23 LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC ON BROADBAND ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY AND DEPLOYMENT. (DA No. 23-228). The FCC's Diversity Advisory Council will convene a roundtable discussion to examine lessons learned from the pandemic on broadband access, affordability and deployment. . MB. Contact: Jamila Bess Johnson jamila.bess-johnson@fcc.gov (202)418-2608. News Media Contact: Janice Wise janice.wise@fcc.gov (202)418-8165. Action by: Chief, Media Bureau. [DA-23-228A1.docx](#) [DA-23-228A1.pdf](#) [DA-23-228A1.txt](#)

TEXTS

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF CERTAIN SUBSIDIARIES OF TEGNA INC. TO SGCI HOLDINGS III LLC, ET AL. Order re Motion to Certify Application for Review to the Commission. (Dkt No 22-162). Action by: ALJ. Adopted: 2023-03-16 by ORDER. (FCC No. 23M-06). OALJ. [FCC-23M-06A1.pdf](#) [FCC-23M-06A1.txt](#)

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**ADDENDA: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, RELEASED MARCH 15, 2023, DID NOT APPEAR IN
DIGEST NO. 50:**

NEWS RELEASES

FCC ANNOUNCES REDUCED, STREAMLINED PRICING FOR REASSIGNED NUMBERS DATABASE. The FCC improved its Reassigned Numbers Database by making it easier for callers to check large volumes of numbers before calling them to ensure they have not been reassigned. . by News Release. News Media Contact: Mike Snyder, michael.snyder@fcc.gov. OMR CGB. [DOC-391762A1.docx](#) [DOC-391762A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391762A1.txt](#)

FCC PROPOSES FIRST PIRATE ACT FINES TOTALING MORE THAN \$2 MILLION FOR ILLEGAL RADIO BROADCASTING. Act Gives FCC Additional Enforcement Authority, Including Higher Penalties Against Pirate Radio Operators. by News Release. News Media Contact: Katie Gorscak, katie.gorscak@fcc.gov. OMR. [DOC-391761A1.docx](#) [DOC-391761A1.pdf](#) [DOC-391761A1.txt](#)

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: 2023-03-15. FCC TASK FORCE TO PREVENT DIGITAL DISCRIMINATION ANNOUNCES REGIONAL LISTENING SESSION IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. (DA No. 23-217). On March 28, 2023, the FCC's Task Force to Prevent Digital Discrimination will host a listening session to promote equal access to broadband for everyone in the U.S.. CGB. Contact: michael.snyder. News Media Contact: michael.snyder. [DA-23-217A1.docx](#) [DA-23-217A1.pdf](#) [DA-23-217A1.txt](#)

TEXTS

IMPROVING WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS AND COMMUNITY-INITIATED ALERTING; AMENDMENTS TO PART 11 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES REGARDING THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM. The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau grants a request for waiver of the FCC's Wireless Emergency Alert rules to permit a test to be conducted by the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency. . (Dkt No 15-91 15-94). Action by: Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. Adopted: 2023-03-15 by ORDER. (DA No. 23-225). PSHSB. [DA-23-225A1.docx](#) [DA-23-225A1.pdf](#) [DA-23-225A1.txt](#)

IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS BARNES. FCC proposes a fine of \$80,000 against Thomas Barnes for pirate radio broadcasting on 100.5 MHz in La Grande, Oregon. Action by: The Commission . Adopted: 2023-03-14 by NAL. (FCC No. 23-16). EB. Contact: Ryan McDonald, ryan.mcdonald@fcc.gov; Victoria Randazzo, victoria.randazzo@fcc.gov. [FCC-23-16A1.doc](#) [FCC-23-16A1.pdf](#) [FCC-23-16A1.txt](#)

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM. The FCC adopts a second, more targeted funding opportunity of up to \$10 million for the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program.. (Dkt No 21-450). Action by: the Commission. Adopted: 2023-03-13 by R&O. (FCC No. 23-15). WCB. [FCC-23-15A1.docx](#) [FCC-23-15A1.pdf](#) [FCC-23-15A1.txt](#)

IN THE MATTER OF CÉSAR AYORA AND LUIS ANGEL AYORA. FCC proposes a fine of \$2,316,034 against César Ayora and Luis Angel Ayora, jointly and severally, for pirate radio broadcasting on 105.5 MHz in Queens, New York. Action by: The Commission. Adopted: 2023-03-14 by NAL. (FCC No. 23-17). EB. Contact: Ryan McDonald, ryan.mcdonald@fcc.gov; Victoria Randazzo, victoria.randazzo@fcc.gov. [FCC-23-17A1.doc](#) [FCC-23-17A1.pdf](#) [FCC-23-17A1.txt](#)